

North Central GRIC Project Orders Release Communication Strategy

Date of Action: Romic - December 19, 2008 ("R")
Plymouth Tube – December 19, 2008 ("R")

Action: US EPA will jointly with the Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality announce the issuance of two RCRA Corrective Action orders against Plymouth Tube (7003a) and Romic Environmental Technologies Corporation (3000h). This joint release will best reflect the coordinated nature of US EPA and the Gila River Indian Community's implementation of the North Central GRIC Project. This project is focused upon addressing historical releases of regulated hazardous wastes into the environment, most specifically into the groundwater.

Key Messages:

- 1) No current or historical human health risks appear associated with the contaminated ground water.
- 2) The Governor of the GRIC formally requested our assistance in addressing the groundwater contamination issue by letter. This action is a significant demonstration of that assistance.
- 3) The known and suspected releases to the environment occurred at least twenty years ago.
- 4) Over the last three years extensive sampling and analysis of the groundwater has been conducted by both respondents of the GRIC DEQ and US EPA. No human contact with the groundwater was found or indicated.
- 5) Groundwater is the current sole source for drinking water by the tribe.
- 6) Both companies have to date been working cooperatively with US EPA by conducting some limited voluntary sampling of the groundwater.
- 7) The RCRA program is using the Triad approach for streamlined investigations and cleanups for this project to. A key ally for us in this effort is the US Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District.
- 8) The GRIC DEQ will inform and respond interested parties within the GRIC.

Public Interest:

1) Non-Tribal: Low

2) Tribal: Medium

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Community Involvement Coordinator	Kelly McAskill	SFD-3	972-3242
Attorney	Rebecca Sugerman	ORC-3	972-3893
Congressional	Jennifer Chicconi	OPA-3	407-2621
Public Affairs	Francisco Arcaute	OPA-3	(213) 244-1815
Tribal Liaison (WTR)	Danny Collier	WTR-6	972-3565
Tribal Liaison (Tribal Programs)	Tim Grant	CED-3	972-3783

Note: Day “R” is the release dates for the Media Announcements.

With exception of LBIDC, GRIC DEQ will alert all tribal members and organizations.

Action Item/Audience	Timing	Staffer	Method	Materials
Federal Elected Officials	“R” 09:30	Chicconi	See Below	Press Release
Romic Wayne Kiso	“R”	Moody	(909) 717-6592 (waynek@romic.com)	Alert & Press Release
Plymouth Tube Steven Lemon	“R”	Moody	(630) 208-0805 (StevenL@J9nesLemon.com)	Alert & Press Release
GRIC DEQ Margaret Cook	“R”	Moody	(520) 562-2234 (Margaret.cook@gric.nsn.us)	Alert & Press Release
GRIC Governor	“R”	A. Kabei	(520) 562-9850 (Assistant Ben Nota)	Alert
LBIDC Esther Manuel	“R”	Moody	(520) 796-1033 (esther@lbidc.com)	Alert & Press Release
GRIC Public Relations	“R”	Arcaute	(520) 562-9840	Alert & Press Release
ADEQ John Calkins	“R”	Moody	(602) 771-4617 (Calkins.john@azdeq.gov)	Alert & Press Release
Maricopa	“R”	Moody	(602) 506-6935	Alert &

County ESD John Kolman			(jkolman@mail.maricopa.gov)	Press Release
City of Chandler Jim Phipps	"R"	Moody	(480) 782-2225 (jimhipps@chandleraz.gov)	Alert & Press Release
City of Phoenix Karen O'Regan	"R"	Moody	(602) 534-0795 (karen.o'regan@phoenix.gov) (Donn.Stoltzfus@phoenix.gov)	Alert & Press Release
ADEQ Waste Program Dep Dir Mike Fulton	"R"	Moody	(602) 771-4209 (maf@azdeq.gov)	Alert & Press Release
ADEQ Dir Communications Mark Shaffer	"R"	Moody	(602) 771-2215 (ms15@azdeq.gov)	Alert & Press Release
Gila River Indian Newspaper	"R"	M. Cook	(gilanews@gilanet.net)	Alert & Press Release
Media	"R" 10:00A	Arcaute	Media Alert	Press Release
Other State Agencies	"R"	McAskill	See Below	Alert & Press Release

Electronic copy: Romic order to be posted to Romic Web site by Susanne Perkins

Federal Elected Officials:

Senator John McCain
Senator Jon Kyl

Congressman Raul Grijalva

Other State Agencies:

Governors Office; Liri Faeth, Policy Advisor for Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment,

ADEQ; Jim Buster, Legislative Liaison

Hard copies of the orders: (Originals in File)

EPA Project Manager (1)
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Romic (1)

GRIC DEQ (3)

LBIDC (1)

Administrative Record (1)